

Early Peace Corps and ACTION FOIA Program Federal Register Notices

History of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 22, Part 303 (22 CFR 303)

The Peace Corps was established in 1961 under the U.S. State Department. The agency ACTION was established in 1971, which included the Peace Corps. The Peace Corps transitioned to an autonomous agency between 1979 and the early 1980s. The Peace Corps published its first independent regulations to implement the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) on July 16, 1984. The previous FOIA regulation was published under ACTION on April 29, 1975.

Guidance to locating notices in the digital Federal Register publications: There multiple ways to locate the notice: locate the notification by the page number consisting of five digits listed herein; locate the page number for ACTION or the Peace Corps on the contents page of the digital document; or conduct an electronic key word search of either 45 CFR 1215 (before 1980), or 22 CFR Part 303 Freedom of Information (1984 or after).

Federal Register Notices

1. ACTION FOIA program (12 CFR 1215), April 29, 1975.
Federal Register (FR) Vol 40, No. 83, 04/29/1975, pages 18556 – 18561.
<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-1975-04-29/pdf/FR-1975-04-29.pdf>

CHAPTER XII— ACTION

PART 1215— INSPECTION AND COPYING OF RECORDS: RULES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT

On January 22, 1975 a notice of proposed rulemaking was published in the Federal Register (40 FR 3462) proposing to add a new Part 1215 to Part 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations to provide rules and regulations for the production, inspection and copying of records and documents. Notice was given that inquiries, comments or views concerning the proposed subpart were to be submitted to ACTION on or before February 18, 1975. The following comments have been received to this date: ...

In consideration of the above, Part 1215 of Chapter II, Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as set forth below. The effective date of these amendments shall be April 29, 1975...

Authority: Sec. 412, Pub. L. 93-113, 87 Stat. (5 U.S.C. 552).

2. Peace Corps - Proposed Rules, March 27, 1984, pages 11674 – 11678.
FR Vol 49, No. 60, Proposed Rules, 03/27/1984.

Freedom of Information Act; implementation

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-1984-03-27/pdf/FR-1984-03-27.pdf>

... Originally, regulations governing dissemination of information to the public were published as Part 303 of Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations. Amended regulations with regard to the dissemination of Peace Corps records, documents and other information in conformity with the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552 as amended by Pub. L. 93-502, 88 Stat. 1561, were published in the Federal Register, Vol. 40, No. 83, April 29, 1975, as Chapter XII, ACTION, Part 1215, or Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations because the Peace Corps was a part of the ACTION Agency. Under the provisions of Pub. L. 97-113, Title VI, the Peace Corps became an independent Agency on February 21, 1982. Accordingly, the Peace Corps is now republishing amended Freedom of information Act regulations to reflect the current statutory provisions.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 29, 1984.

3. Peace Corps FOIA Implementation, July 16, 1984, pages 28701 – 28705.
FR Vol 49, No. 137, Rules and regulations, 07/16/1984. 49 FR 28701.
22 CFR 303 Compliance with Public Information Act. Effective date 08/15/1984.
Intention published 3/27/1984, Vol 49, pp. 11674 – 11678.

<http://cdn.loc.gov/service/ll/fedreg/fr049/fr049137/fr049137.pdf>

Peace Corps Records Accessioned to NARA

Review the National Archives and Records Administration's webpage, "Records of the Peace Corps" (Record Group 490) 1961-91" for records of interest:

<https://www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/groups/490.html>

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